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Wedding bells ring for Mary Fitzpatrick and Ariel Zambrano

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May this Christmas be a very Happy time for all of you

And may the New Year be filled with God's presence and blessing.

Those Whom God Hath Joined Together"

By Carol Chappell

have the great privilege of announcing
r readers the marriage of our former
, Miss Mary L. Fitzpatrick, to the Rev.
Zambrano on Saturday, September 9.
The religious ceremony was performed
:00 a. m. in the Holy Trinity Methodist
h (La Santisima Trinidad), Gante 5,
o, D. F., Old Mexico.

ry, on the arm of Dr. John Groves, mis-
y at the Union Evangelical Seminary
epresenting the Fitzpatrick family, was
eded down the aisle by the maid of
, Miss Carol Chappell of El Cerrito,
i f o r n i a; matron of honor, Mrs. Ida
ace, sister of the bride from Booneville,
; and the godparents Mr. and Mrs. Ma-
Flores, and Mr. and Mrs. Gonzalo Baez-
rgo.

iciating at the ceremony were Rev. Apo-
Zambrano, father of the groom and pas-
the Congregational Church in Guadala-
the Rev. Daniel Gonzalez, associate pas-
f the church the Rev. Maurilio Olivera
of the church; and the Rev. Alejandro
who gave the wedding sermon.

er the wedding, guests ware received at
tion held in the social hall of the Sem-
. Helping with the reception were Miss
Davidson, Mrs. John Groves, Miss Mary
on, Miss Sara Dickson, Mrs. Roberto
bees and Mrs. Jorge Castro. The Misses
elo Cruz-Aberyo, Ana Dominguez, and
Tannenhill were in charge of the guest

ry, a Methodist Missionary from Galla-
Tennessee, has been in Mexico 11 years.
served in the Social Centers in Monterrey
Durango; as the director of Children's
for the Board of Christian Education,
Methodist Church of Mexico; and this
(until her marriage) was director of the
nado "Laura Temple" in Mexico City.
She was also editor of "Mexico" our missionary magazine, and "Comino" a monthly magazine for children.

Ariel, from Guadalajara, Jalisco, is a professor at the Union Evangelical Seminary and a minister of the Congregational Church of Mexico. His other responsibilities include being president of ULAJE (Union of Latin American Evangelical Youth), president of the National Council of Churches, and editor of the evangelical magazine "Germinal".

We know that our many "MEXICO" friends join us in giving Mary and Ariel our heartfelt congratulations and wishing them continous happiness in their life together. We know that the Lord will continue to use them effectively in His service as they begin their new life togother.

Towards a better Understanding

by George Pigueron, 3rd.

From the 20th to the 24th of September the annual Youth Institute of the Central Conference was held in the small city of Tulancingo, Hidalgo, and was attended by over 112 youth from all over the central part of the Republic. It was a time to renew old friendships and develop new ones, but even more important, was the theme of the Institute, "The Church of Jesus Christ". There were lectures and study groups on such related topics, as, "The Role of the Church Today", "The Roman Catholic Church Today", "The Ecumenical Movement" and "The Lives of some great Reformers", but the most interesting event was a suprise the minister of the Church, Rev. Ruben Casales brought us on Saturday afternoon. Father Alcaraz, the priest of the local Roman Catholic Cathedral was invited to give a lecture on "The Meaning of the Church for Roman Catholics". He spoke in a very courteous and precise manner, and was highly respectful of us and of our position.

When speaking of the Pope and other basic issues where Roman Catholics and Protestants differ, he prefaced his comments with, "I do not want to offend you; you asked for our position, and this is it". He allowed time for questions, and someone asked how the Catholic Church views the Protestants, and he indicated that we were considered a part of the Christian community, as were the Orthodox Churches. And when asked about the forgiveness of sins and salvation, he stated bluntly, "I believe St. Paul answers that quite clearly in Romans, through faith in Jesus Christ". In connection with that he cleared up a doubt which many had concerning the confession of sins. He, as a Roman Catholic Priest, merely affirms the forgiveness that God has promised to all who believe and repent, but has no power in himself to forgive sins.

Before we knew it, an hour and a half had passed by, and we had to close, but certainly many had more questions to ask. Following morning several young men went to hear him preach at the mass in his own Church; they later reported that he expressed the same ideas concerning the forgiveness of sins to his congregation that he had expressed the day before, and they were encouraged by his stand. This, as some of you know, is quite different from the Roman Catholic Church that for years persecuted the Protestant "heretics" in Mexico and in other areas of the world. Unfortunately we cannot imply that all the clergy or that all the Roman Catholics in general take the view that Father Alcaraz expressed, but we are truly grateful and really thrilled at the fact that we could all converse as brothers in Jesus Christ. Some of us who have discussed the matter and who have observed other similar conversations feel that perhaps we could learn some thing from them and that certainly we want to do everything within our power to encourage these liberal and "evangelical" elements to being a true reform in the Roman Catholic Church.

And, how did our young people react? When the lecture was announced some of the youth leaders were a bit fearful for its effects on the youth we were trying to guide, but later conversations with them revealed that in general they appreciated the Roman Catholic Church more, but that they were more convinced than ever of their Protestant heritage.

Students from the Short Course Union Seminary 1961.

l year of blessings

The Union Theological Seminary has been ndantly blessed by our Heavenly Father ring the year 1961.

We have had a total attendance of 34, luding those who came for the short course ring the second quater. Classified by ominations this group was composed of Methodists, 10 Disciples of Christ, 6 ngregationals, 2 Mennonite Brethren, and entecostal.

The Rev. Jose O. Velasco came as a new nber of the faculty to be in charge of niletics for the students of the second year the Theological course. We have been y glad for his cooperation since he is one the outstanding pastors of the Methodist rch in Mexico City.

Our libray has been greatly enriched with ny selected textbooks and reference books, nks to a gift of one thousand dollars from Theological Education Fund of the rnational Missionary Council. We are hly indebted to such an organization which lelping many theological seminaries ughout the world. And we are very grate- also to our librarian, Miss Lois Davidson, has been very busy classifying new and books and securing needed tools so that department might render the best service tudents, teachers, and visitors.

e forty-sixth anniversary of the Seminary celebrated in July of this year, first by eries of lectures on THE PASTOR'S RSONALITY and THE PASTORAL NCTION OF THE MINISTER, deliverd Dr. Serafin Ajuria Arana; and second, by ns of a four day trip of the student body, mpanied by Rev. Ariel Zambrano and John L. Groves, to visit the Congregational rch in Guadalajara. The pastor there, . Apolinar Zambrano y Ramirez, in ner years was Dean and Homiletics teacher at our Seminary. He kindly invited us to celebrate Seminary Day in his parish. During the first days of their visit, the Seminary students played three games of basketball with the Congregational young people's team. On Sunday, the Seminary choir, conducted by Professor Ariel Zambrano, offered special hymns at the worship services. Professor John L. Groves preached the special anniversary sermon.

Among the many visitors who have honored our Seminary this year let me mention two. Dr. Foster Stockwell, Bishop of the Methodist Church in South America, visited theological seminaries of Mexico during the last days of February. He held two conferences in our Seminary, with an attendance of 16 presidents and professors of Seminaries and Bible Schools, to consider problems on recruiting and training Christian workers and pastors, and ways of improving theological training. The second distinguished visitor was Bishop Leslie Newbigin, one of the Secretaries of the International Missionary Council. On August 13, in the large living room of our Seminary, Bishop Newbigin met with about 50 pastors and laymen of various denominations and offered them an inspiring Biblical study, based on I Corinthians, chapter 12, stressing the need for church union.

The present school year of the Seminary will end on November 26 with graduation services at the Balderas Street Methodist Church in Mexico City.

by Dr. Juan Díaz Galindo
President, Union Theological Seminary

NEW DEAN NAMED AT UNION SEMINARY

The Rev. Ariel Zambrano who since 1951, has been associated with his Alma Mater as a teacher has been elected Dean of the Union Theological Seminary. He succeeds Mr. Howard Holroyd, who retired at the end of November.

Christmas in Chihuahua

by Joy de Leon

So many people have asked about Christmas in Mexico that we are gong to give you a blow by blow description of one missionary experience and you can multiply it by all the missionaries in all parts of the world and get some idea of what is being done.

For us Christmas began on the 19th of November when we took all the "Probies" on a Retreat their last weekend before beginning a full time program on the wards. For the next three years they will never be able to leave the hospital at the same time. The theme for the Retreat was "The nurse as a whole person." It was very successful and we hope to watch these girls grow in grace and wisdom.

As soon as we returned we pitched into plans for the Chihuahua Nurses Association program for Nurses Day, Jaunary 6. We are going to televise the different phases of nursing and each hospital will take part. We have had wonderful cooperation, Catholic Official, Protestant and Private hospitals will be represented. Wish you could tune in.

In the hospital we start planning the Christmas party which will be for all the employees and the plan is that each department will put on an act to entertain the others. I am program coordinator and begin rehearsals with the first year students who have the most time. They are going to put on a Christmas Cantata and there is a lot of practising to be done.

On December 6th I take my two students to town to select and buy the presents for all the children we have vaccinated in our special project village and also for the 3-12 year olds who come to our Policlinic. The next day we make invitations and place them in strategic positions.

We begin thinking about the holiday is of the weekly Bulletin of the Hospital. seek out and find an artist among personnel. The Bulletin comes out e Wednesday. On the 14th we carry the C mas story and the other usual items, the has a drawing of the shepherds and the gram for the Hospital Fiesta, and for 28th we have a lovely drawing of an portal and the well known words, transla "I said to the man who stood at the gat the year "Give me a light that I may t safely into the unknown". And he rep "Go out into the darkness and put your h into the hand of God. That shall be for better than a light and safer than a kn way." We get them all mimeographed e so that it wont add to the general Christ rush.

The 13th and 14th we spend wrapping gifts for the children. Plastic bags cookies, an orange, a balloon and a toy. collect the piñata from the school for and dumb children where they are mad a part of their self support program, and it with peanuts. This one is in the shap a hen on her nest, by special request of of the children. The program is all plan The students will put on the Cantata, th will breank the piñata and after that S Claus will sit on the back of the Mobile C and pass out gifts instead of the usual "sh

The 16th is the big day and we set ou great excitemet. Everything goes well and have an attendance of 160 children teachers and some mothers.

The next day I go with the pastor's and the children's choir from the churc the prision where all year we have visiting the women and young boys. We for them, read the Christmas Story, and of the girls tells a tale about the best gift one can give to the Christ Child. Ther

tribute cookies, oranges and used Christ-s cards and, last the piñata. This one is the form of Santa Claus and the boys say is the devil" so we tell them to go ahead l beat him to death so that he wont enter ir hearts again!

Tuesday 20 th is the party for the Policlinic ldren. We have an attendance of 320 thers and children. The program is the e as in the village but the piñata this e is a snowman. The delight on the faces the children is worth all the rush and k.

Wednesday 21st we clean up the mess from day before and get ready for the hospital ty on the 22nd. Nobody knows what they going to do and the artists begin to get e fright. One little boy who is going to te dressed up as a shepherd wants to bring g a lamb. A live animal! This is too ch! but the gardeners say they will look r him and we doubtfully give in.

The 22nd at last. Setting the stage, putting the sound, arranging the gifts, rehearsing e groups at once. At 9 pm all is ready we run through the program without a h. First the cleaning women and main-nce men sing two Christmas songs, then little boy (representing the sewing room) es along with his live lamb and all goes l. The women in the kitchen put on a pan-ime of a happy family on Christmas Eve everyone goes into shrieks of laughter at r funny antics and seeing familiar people nusual get up. The 2end and 3rd year stu-ts do a dramatized monolog. The carpenter ys the guitar and sings a duet with the dyman. A member of the office staff reads history of Christmas trees and a young girl m the laundry recites. The first year lents do their cantata for the third, last best time and the nursing department s the Christmas Story with voice and uped figures.

Then the gift giving. This year we planned t each person would get one gift and asked t they would put money in a piggy bank the poor instead of exchanging many s. Refreshments of hot chocolate and "churros" is followed by community singing of the best known carols. We have the words written on filmstrip and it is easy to project so that everyone can join in. Many "abrazos" and the evening is over.

Friday the 23rd we break the piggy bank and find that we have $ 188.00 pesos so we seek out some families that we know are needy and ask what they would like. Of course they say "anything" but after a little prodding they say they would like food more than anything else. So off we go again to buy for them. With our little money we fill 6 bags with meat, cheese, flour, corn flour for tortillos, lard, beans, coffee, sugar, milk, oranges, washing and bath soap, balloons and $ 2.00 pesos in cash. Also some used clothing which we had collected. Really a very nice Christmas Box.

Saturday morning brought visitors from the U. S. so we packed them into the Volks along with the gifts and set off to distribute cheer.

Saturday night the church choir along with all the other choirs in the city, some 500 voices, sing carols and Christmas hymns in the central plaza. It is very beautiful, at the end they sing the Allelulia chorus and a lighted angel is let down very slowly from the church steeple to the manger scene around which the choirs are grouped. The figures in the manger are live children, charmingly dressed and posed. Immediately after, our choir (which has won the prize for the best performance) gives the Christmas concert at the church. A really thrilling experience for all of us. Black home the graduates prepare a delicious supper for all of us who have not been able to go home for Christmas. Turkey and all the fixin's, then games and more carols finally ending with a friendship circle.

Sunday, church, rest, and visits with friends. Monday and Tuesday days off, spent visiting the nearby Spas with the U. S. friends for a period of rest and relaxation.

Wednesday back on the job helping the students with their Fiesta on Thursday. This is their party so we only do what they ask us to and enjoy the position of invited guests.

Watch Night service preceded by a church supper and ended by the Holy Communion which is the reason for all we do and think and are as we remember, not the birth, nor the death, but the ever present Holy Soirit which lives and dwells within us.

"Roaming in the Gloaming"

Being a retiree gives one time to roam about the country which has been Home for thirty years, seeing the improvements in the country itself and in our instituitions. Changes are often good for both people and things.

A twenty-four hours' stop-over in Monterrey gave time for renewals of friendships, for becoming acquainted with another Greensboro College woman, Mrs. Robert Connally, wife of "Bob", the gym director of Centro Social, visiting in her home and naturally chatting of our Alma Mater and the friends there.

For me all roads lead to the Student Hostel in Puebla, my last Mexican love, for that was where I lived, labored, and loved the youngsters my last ten years of service. Shortly after my arrival there in February a former pupil of mine, now a lovely business woman, and I ventured (And it was a venture!) to make a journey to Merida, Yucatan. We went by bus, with stop-overs at night, finding the trip a bit hard but very interesting, especially the crossings of the many "waters" by ferry. The return trip was made mostly by train, and we saw different parts of the States of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, and Veracruz.

Highlights of that trip in addition to the scenery and visits to the Mayan ruins were the women in their pretty, gay native costumes and their art as displayed in their wares. The points of interest in Merida itself were the privilige of rooming in Colegio Americano, a Presbyterian Co-educational School; a too-short visit to Xoenpich where Dr. T. R. Finley directs a Seminary for the training of Mayan ministers; a unique living and working project where a Christian Mayan doctor heads the Bethesda Hospital and attends the sick in the rural communities and small villages, flying to and from these outlying places.

After a short breathing spell in Puebla, was off alone to Tapachula, Chiapas, to th coffee plantation, for a fourth visit with th Bernstorff family three daughters havin been in our Casa Hogar with us for a numbe of years. Time in this home is always a mo rewarding experience, and this time it seeme even more enriching with trips to othe plantations, marvelous scenery as we crosse the rocky mountains clothed in tropic vegetation, a sort of dream world all its ow While in this home another privilege I ha was attending and helping a bit in a litt Sunday School conducted by a young Chri tian woman, office worker, nurse, a m sionary in general "without portafolio". it were possible, I should like to share wi each reader the joy and uplift I felt on Pal Sunday, when, on entering the little roo in a vacant house used as their church, found it beautifully decorated in palms a flowers suitable for the occasion, in go taste, done by these humble working peop I wish that you could have seen them their family groups, that you could ha heard them as they took part in word and song, that you could have caught the joy simple worship.

From the coffee plantation I had anoth travel companion, the oldest Bernsto daughter, Elly, and for a month we l different heart-warming times together, f in Rio Blanco, visiting her former scho mates, more young women who had sp years in our Casa Hogar, now directoras kindergartens or teachers in public scho putting into practice Christian principles their own homes, and in the schools, work in their churches and living the "abund life".

After a few days in Puebla and in Me City, we arrived at the Casa Hogar of Good Shepherd, an orphanage, in Patzcu Michoacan, where we both enjoyed a uni experience, living with children from months of age to early teen-agers, all in marv school. No one is lonesome there, for children are happy, hungry and healthy all enjoy each other.

In May I returned to Centro Social in M terrey and helped with the English classe

elle Dyck while she was away for her vacation, a teaching experience that reminded me how much I had enjoyed teaching Mexican ung people through the years.

Then seven weeks in Durango in Centro acDonnell, my first Mexican love, terinated my travels in Mexico for this time, d I came away with a new supply of happy emories all tied up with old memorias, as had seen, talked with, eaten with and gone aces with ex-pupils, now mothers, fathers, chers and business people who had been ildren or very young people when I had ught them English thirty or more years fore. "My young people" were now parents attractive boys and girls, some older than ir parents had been when I was their cher.

Thus workers come and go. Changes are de, but the purpose of serving others by aring with them the blessings which are rs from Our Heavenly Father goes on.

by Ola Eugene Callahan

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF MEXICO

entered Mexico by way of Ciudad Juarez was very surprised to find it a city as ge as El Paso with many beautiful modern ldings. After leaving Juarez we traveled hours through a desert land between ren mountain ranges. There was no sign life except for a few small mesquite bushes. ch of the country was bare sand dunes. e in the afternoon we stopped at a very all place for a few minutes and I was cked to see the price of Coca Cola posted eighty cents. Then I remembered the rate exchange is twelve and a half pesos to the lar, so the price was about the same as in States, after all.

Soon after leaving here we began to climb of the mountain ranges. How glad I was see all the lights of the beautiful city of ihuahua! It is in a valley at 5000 feet vation, surrounded by barren mountains. nen the train pulled into Chihuahua, eight more men and boys all trying to grab my gs and carry them did not surprise me. But was amazed at the soft gentle voice with which they all spoke. Even though the language was Spanish the same as in Cuba I often understood very little of what they said, and neither did they understand me. I have had to learn almost a complete new vocabulary since coming to Mexico.

I find Mexico a delightful place to live, with respect both to climate and people. The people all love music and how they can sing!

by Mattie Lou Neal

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF MEXICO

What are your first impressions of Mexico? This was the question asked me many times. On my arrival at the Internado, I saw heads peeking out of every door for a glimpse of the new director. They all told me their names that night but it took me a little over a month to learn the names of the hundred girls who are my responsibility. The first few days to learn all their names seemed an impossible job, but each girl in her own way made it possible for me to get to know her and her name. Now the hundred girls along with my twelve co-workers are dear to my heart in spite of the number of problems which confront the director of such an institution daily.

I wish you could have been with us Saturday afternoon as a group of us were playing softball on the spacious lawn. The older ones were showing the younger ones how to bat and play in the midst of our fun. Even more I wish you could have peeked in the primary building Sunday evening as the women who work with these girls were joining wholeheartedly with them in the games they were playing. They were all happy and having fun.

I wish that you could have a glimpse in the chapel some Thursday evening as the girls are sitting quietly and revently in prayer as they wait for the service to begin. They are obligated to come, but one feels that are also there because they are seeking a solution to some real needs in the presence of their Heavenly Father.

As I share with you some of my observations, it is difficult not to compare Mexico with school where I worked in Cuba. Though I long for my Cuban friends and grieve for

them in their present situation, I am learning to love my Mexican girls and to appreciate their problems. One comes to realize more and more how really we are brothers, children of one Heavenly Father who is con tantly pouring his blessings and love on a of us.

by Helen Hill

Pre-deaconess Club "Clara Gibson" Puebla Girls Hostel

The Pre-deaçoness Club of Puebla

Some years ago God put it into the hearts and minds of the directoras of the Casa Hogar of Puebla and the Methodist School for Deaconesses in Mexico City to organize a pre-deaconess club among the girls of our internado or Casa Hogar. Since then this club has continued to serve the Lord and the student body in many ways. One of these is the weekly devotional meeting on Saturday nights. These meetings are times of fellowship conducted by girls themselves, the sponsor, or sometimes by a specially inv speaker. We have found a good numbe active Christian workers to be very gene in helping our club in this way. Each brought a message from the Word of interpreted in the light of his or her rich experience.

At the present writing, the girls of club are looking forward to a spiri retreat the week-end of Oct. 13-15 to conducted here in the internado by a group of girls, the graduating class of Deaconess School. This retreat we hope enrich not only the spiritual lives of our members, but the life of our entire home.

eply appreciate the kindness of Miss bogast. their directora, in making possible s retreart. In former years her school has en hostess to a group of our girls for a ek-end retreat. These have always been a ssing to those who were priviliged to a end, but they have reached relatively few our club members. This time we hope t many of our secondary and normal ool girls will attend.

Last year the girls of the club decided to give it the name of Miss Clara Gibson, whose inspiration it was to have a club in the internado for girls interested in Chrisian work. So now it is called "Club Prediaconisa Clara Gibson." We would appreciate the prayers of the readers of this magazine that God will continue to bless and use this little club for His honor and glory.

by Daphne Swartz

"So shall my word be.."

"So shall my word be..."
Isaiah 55:11

by Lois Davidson

The church on Gante Street which I attend re in Mexico City is the largest Methodist urch in Mexico with a membership of ound 3000. But the members are from all lks of life. Last Sunday I saw sitting in nt of me a humble Indian family, mother, her, and baby. They were wearing clothes the cheapest sort, the baby wrapped round th its mother's shawl to keep it warm. As vatched them I kept thinking of the humble k who had listened to Jesus on the hills Galilea. I wondered to myself if the family front of me understood the sermon and if meant a great deal to them.

This week I had an indirect answer to some the questions I had asked myself during e worhip service at Gante. Daniel, one of e students who had attended the ort Course for lay workers that the Semary offered during June, July, and August, turned for a brief visit. I asked him about s home church and what he had done to gin a library there. I had urged all the dents in this Short Course to begin a liary in their churches even if they had to gin with just one book. Members of my nday School class at Gante had furnished ond hand books enough for one apiece for is group. and money to buy each one a w book. Daniel said he had given out his o books for members of the church to read ring his absence. And how happy he was receive two new books to take home, a gift m church people I know in Illinois.

Daniel reported that he and two other men from his church had cleared a piece of land and as soon as the dry season arrived they planned to cut down trees and build a little church. He said the woodland belonged to the village as a whole but that they could get permission from the village authorities to cut down enough trees to build the church. I asked him how he happened to become a Christian and he said that while he and his brother were working in Mexico City his brother began to attend Gante Methodist church and became a member. Daniel himself was not a Christian but he listened to what his brother had to say about his new found faith. Then one day when he was going to his home village he found on the train a Bible that someone had left. He began reading it and listening to its teachings. He secured work in Oaxaca, a town not far from his home village. There he attended a Protestant church and listened to the sermons without being convinced as yet. Then he went back to his home village to work and his brother talked to him again and persuaded him to give his heart to Christ. How his face shone as he told me of how different dife had been since then. He said that his wife was not a Christian at that time and for a couple of years life was not too happy for them as she did not approve what he had done in becoming a Christian, being baptized, and joining the church. But he said "Whenever I went to tend my fields as I walked along I prayed for her, every minute that I could I prayed for her, and now she is a Christian! And she is teaching our children from the Bible. You don't know what a happy home life we have". If only

you could have seen the glow in his face as he told of his happiness in his family and in their faith!

There is a passage in Isaiah which reads: "For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and return not thither but water the earth making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes f from my mouth; it shall not return to empty, but it shall accomplish that whi purpose. . ." In the case of Daniel, C word accomplished a church, for there no church in Daniel's village until he his brother began one there.

Instituto Dr. Andres Osuna

Dr. Andres Osuna Institute

On June 26, 1961, Instituto Dr. Andres Osuna completed another school year, the second in the new building donated by Sra. Rebeca T. Vda. de Osuna, in memory of her husband, prominent Methodist educator, business man, and statesman. There were 20 graduates from the secondary department, and 62 from the commercial. The secondary department was organized four years ago, so that the class of 1961 was the second graduating class.

In addition to the regular secondary and commercial courses, there is a special Eng class, meeting six hours a day, as wel evening classes in English and other sp classes.

The auditorium of Instituto Osuna been used by groups outside the school. There was a program of declamation by Manuel Bernal, a well-known artist, and concerts by the distinguished violinist L Uranga, who obtained the "Premio Paga in Italy.

A group of amateurs, under the leade

e mayor's wife (who is one of our
sh pupils) presented a play, the
eds from which helped to provide
fasts for needy children in the city. This
was given twice.

group of the students has learned to play
e typical of this section of the world.
the appropriate instruments. They are
n as a "Conjunto Tropical", and have
ed from their extensive repertoire, not
at school programs, but also at civic
rams, in the school auditorium, and in
main plaza. They have also gone to
nas and Cd. Acuña. Coah., and Uvalde.
s, to play.

uring the year the students presented a
ber of programs over a local radio station.
of them a Christmas program. On
mber 23 the pupils had a Christmas
ram at the school, to which the parents
invited, and a good number came. The
morning, the pupils had a "piñata" and
t for about 115 poor children of the
hborhood. At the school program, a
p of students presented a little drama
na book published by the department of
istian Education of the Methodist Church
Mexico. Although none who took part are
hodists, they went to our church Christ-
s night to repeat the number there, and
of the non-Protestant teachers went along
help with the costuming.

During the year, grops of young people and
ir counselors, from Little Rock, Ark. and
n Antonio and Eagle Pass, Texas, and from
er places, came to visit the work in Pie-
s Negras, going to the church and our
ool. On one of these visits, some of the
ng people from our church were there
welcome them, and a short service was
ld. Then they all came to the school, for
short program by a group of our students,
d a social hour. We could not have a pro-
ram for the second group, as they came
ring the final examinations.

Now, in my third year here, I seldom go any
here in Piedras Negras, or Eagle Pass,
ithout meeting one or more of the former
udents of Instituto Osuna. I find much
idence that the school is highly regarded
in the city.

For several years Sra. Maria del Refugio L. Vda. de Sanchez, a graduate of Colegio Roberts, a Methodist school, has been the directora of Instituto Osuna. We are happy, this year, to have two Methodists among the new teachers, one of them, like Sra. Sanchez, a graduate of Colegio Roberts.

We have finished six weeks of a new school year. The first weeks are always rather difficult. Some familiar faces are missing, and some of the new pupils seem unpromising. But we remember that the graduates of whom we are proud were new pupils once, too. With this year's students, as with those of other years it is "Precept upon precept; . . . line upon line; here a little, and there a little" with the results being in God's hands.

by Olive Girin

The thiztieh assembly of Northern Federation of Woman's Societies

By Profa. Isaura G. de la Garza.

In Saltillo, Coah., from the 14 th to the 18 th., of July the Methodist women of the Northern Federation of Woman's Societies of Mexico met to hold their 30th Assembly.

About 100 visitors and delegates arrived fron the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo León, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Baja California, Durango, Sonora and Mexico, D. F.

In one of the beautiful patios of the Centro, the delegates and visitors were greeted by a fine banquet served in their honor and words of welcome by Mrs. Lygia M. de Villalobos. Mrs. Estela B. de Moreno responded to the welcome in the name of all the ones present.

The main theme of the assembly was: "I Saw a new Earth": Revelation 21:1.

The reports of the work of the diferent delegates, distriet Secretaries and the Directors of Departaments, all were fine.

The "Quiet Hours" were in charge of Rev. Pedro Vazquez, and Secretary of Evangelism. Rev. Gaspar Garza y Garza.

Sunday was a very interesting and inspiring day. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a gold medal to Miss

Dolores Gomez. Principal of Centro Social Roberts. The medal had the inscription: "For your frutfull labor". The Northern Federation of Women's Misionary Societies.

Our Bishop Dr. Eleazar Guerra adressed the assembly several times to talk about the history of Evangelish in Mexico and progress in all parts of the republic especi in the western part.

The 18th at 8.30 the Assembly dismissed by the Vice-President. Mrs. R F. de Martinez Garza.

NEWS FROM MONTERREY

Breaking ground for the Third Methodist Church Monterrey

by Iva Conner

For a good many years. Trinity Church. Monterrey, has been dreaming of a new build ing. The present building, built more than sixty years ago, has not only been inadequate and awkwardley arranged, but has required many repairs. The wooden floors and pillars show extensive termite damage.

It was thought at first that a new buiding cou'd be built on the present location, larger and more modern. But it was found impos sible to buy any more property from th adjoining lots, and furthermore, the city ha plans to widen Escobedo Street which woul take several feet off the present property. large lot was purchased farther west o Washington Street, but it was later consi ered unsuitable, and it was found impos-sib to dispose of the old lot.

Over the past several years many discu sion, arguments and conferences have bee

ld. Gradually the idea became apparent
it two churches are needed. About one
ndred Methodist families are living on the
st side of the city in a section that is
idly settling up with good modern homes.
out a year ago, the new lot on West
ashington Street was traded for a property
Urdials and Paseo de Leones. With the help
funds from the Board of Missions in New
rk, work will soon begin on the first unit
this new church. Funds from the same
rce will also be used to supplement local
ds in doing extensive remodelling at the
site. This remodelling is to provide for
argement of the sanctuary, and a religious
cation building.

On September 24, the formal beginning
the new church was presented in the
inity congregation and on October 1, the
st Sunday worship services were held. The
w church now has its own Board of
wards, Pro-Templo Committee, Sunday
nool, and Woman's Society. For the present
Sunday services are being held in the
ion church in the afternoons, with Rev.
anito Coronado as pastor, with R. H.
nerly assisting. Mid-week services have
n conducted in the homes for more than
ear, and a Circle of the Woman's Society
met regularly.

Of course, Trinity Church will lose some
mbers, but so far the morning services
e been as full as ever so it seems that a
d many of those who are going to the new
rch were not very regular attendants at
inity. As yet, there has been no christen-
for the new church, being generally
wn as Las Mitras from its general location.

This represents one more step in the
wth of Methodism in Monterrey. The next
? Some members are already eying a piece
property in the poor Colonia Independen-
where a Baptists layman conducted a
ssion for a number of years. He has recen-
retired because of advanced age, and the
rk has been abandoned, temporarily, we
hope.

Give Us Bread, but Give Us Roses

Waiting for the dinner bell Girls Hostel at Puebla.

The dining room at Casa Hogar presents an attractive layout of color —with its table cloths of pink, blue, yellow, aqua plastic, flowers on the center table, but there is more than meets in the eye in this pleasant place to eat.

This girls who live in the "internado" do all to keep it clean and attractive. After breakfast 28 girls get it ready for the next meal and after "La Comida" (one o'clock lunch) 48 girls are supervised in their preparation for the next time.

Within a half hour to forty-five minutes after a regular meal all is ready for the next. Our family number 120 girls, 7 leaders who are hostesses at tables and 7 servants. If for any reason a hostess is absent or has her day off the girls take over as hostesses.

The careful and good-natured supervision of Senora Cervantes is the key to all that happens. She has been with the internado in Puebla for about eight years and knows not only supervision of work, but quantities of foods to buy and serve. The way of handling the dining room procedure is almost a tradition-it has been liked and kept.

The girls put "pan de dulce" and "pan de sal" by each place before the meal, and the desert, which is usually fresh fruit.

Coffee is brought to the girl at the foot of the table for morning and evening meals. She serves this in cups placed there as a part of the table setting.

The hostess serves the "sopa" (that wh is usually eaten before the meat), the m and the vegetables which have been bro from the serving window. Many of these things carefully worked out make the di room a place of order, interest, and deli

by Lottie

H E R E' N

T H E R

One of our Methodist pastors in Cuba, Rev. Jorge Leon, passed through Mexico City on his way to Mentevideo and visited with friends for a few hours.

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Treva Overholt has been in the States recently on account of her father's illness and death.

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The Arthur Chaffee family has returned to Mexico after a year's furlough in the States. And they brought back a very important person with them. their new son and heir!

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The Conerly family went to San Antonio on October 4 where the Rev. Conerly had everybody hopes the final operation on his leg. By the first of the new year he hopes to be walking on two legs. His right leg was broken in a fall in June of 1959.

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Naomi Hare returned from several months furlough the middle of September. Anna Belle Dyck begins her furlought on November 1.

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Miss Mary Pearson is on vacation now and expects to return the middle of November. She is visiting with friends in Boston, Mass.

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Miss Helen Hill, formerly a missionary in Cuba, arived in Mexico City in September to begin her duties as director of the stu home, Internado Laura Temple. We are py to welcome her to Mexico and hope her stay here is long and pleasant.

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